

Aquatic Invasive Species Update

Washington & Waukesha Counties



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Meet the Interns!

Between Washington and Waukesha County, we will be hiring a total of 7 AIS interns this summer! Three of the interns will be working full-time alongside the AIS Coordinator. The remaining four interns will be working part-time primarily conducting boat inspections for lake groups that have been awarded Clean Boats, Clean Waters grants. In both Washington and Waukesha Counties, some interns are hired by the county through intergovernmental agreements (IGA) with lake groups. Through these IGAs, the County will hire and pay the intern throughout the summer; the lake group is predominately responsible for the management of the intern. At the end of the season when the lake groups are awarded their Clean Boats, Clean Waters grant funding, they reimburse the County!

Washington County

AIS Intern with County - **Damian Hardt**

IGA - Pike Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District - **Kennedy Lawson**

Waukesha County

AIS Intern with County - **Kayla Weiss**

AIS Intern with County - **Michael Sadowski**

IGA - Silver Lake Management District - **Ryan MacDonald**

IGA - Pretty Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District (split position with
Pretty Lake and Hunters Lake) - **Jacob Lee**

IGA - Lower Nemahbin Lake Association - **Megan Ruemler**



Waukesha County Intern Mike Sadowksi learning how to identify curly leaf pondweed on Lac La Belle.

Healthy Lakes Conference - Save the Date



4th Annual Healthy Lakes Conference

Friday, June 7, 2019 * 8:30 am - 4:30 pm



1807 Nagawicka Rd. * Hartland, WI

8:30 am - 9:00 am

REGISTRATION & Visit Our Partner Exhibit Tables

9:00 am - 12:00 am

Identifying The Most Serious Threats to Our Lakes and Rivers
WDNR, Wisconsin Lakes, UW-Extension, Oconomowoc Watershed Protection Program (OWPP)

- Seeing the Wider Picture: Connecting the Dots on Land Use and Water Quality
- OWPP Progress Report
- Citizen Science Water Quality Monitoring - How results matter, including Water Clarity directly Impacting Property Values
- Updates on the Most Serious Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) in Lake Country

12:00 pm - 12:45 pm

LUNCH

12:45 pm - 3:15 pm

The Path to Cleaner, Resilient Waters

ERC, WDNR, AIS Coordinator - Waukesha and Washington counties, Lake Nagawicka Lake Welfare Committee

- Value of Natural Shorelines and Wetlands Protections
- Understanding Lake and River Grants, Large and Small
- Boat Launch - Clean Boats, Clean Water Program and AIS Prevention/Control Efforts
- Progress Report and Value of Lake Welfare Committees

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Pontoon Boat Rides



For more information and to register:

tallpinesconservancy.org *262-369-0500 *info@tallpinesconservancy.org
\$20 per person through Monday, June 3 - \$35 thereafter. Lunch provided.

Click here to register: tallpinesconservancy.org

Clean Boats, Clean Waters Update

As of right now, six Clean Boats, Clean Waters trainings have been provided, with a total of 20 volunteers trained so far! There are currently four trainings left this year.

UPDATE: Due to requests for trainings during the weekend, 2 additional trainings will be provided on Saturday, June 22nd. This will be taken into account when scheduling for next year!

Saturday, June 22nd Trainings:

9 am - 11 am Washington County - Public Agency Center Room 3224

333 E Washington Street, West Bend, WI 53095

2 pm - 4 pm Waukesha County - Retzer Nature Center, FEN Room

S14 W28167 Madison Street, Waukesha, WI 53188



Clean Boats, Clean Waters Training at the Oconomowoc Community Center.



Megan Ruemler (AIS Intern with the Lower Nemahbin Lake Association) viewing scenarios she may encounter with boaters while conducting boat inspections.

Japanese Knotweed Control - Grant Funding Available

If you live in a riparian zone and want to tackle a patch of Japanese knotweed, here is a potential grant opportunity to get assistance with funding! The money comes from funding given to the DNR by the EPA through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.

To read more about the grant, click the link:
[Japanese Knotweed Grant Criteria](#)



Purple Loosestrife Bio-Control Update

On May 4th volunteers from the Washington County 4H WHEP and the AIS Coordinator re-planted harvested rootstock for volunteers participating in

the purple loosestrife bio-control project! Volunteers picked up their pots and gear needed to participate in this effective bio-control project. In about a month when the plants grow between 1 - 2 feet tall, volunteers will be supplied with purple loosestrife beetles to rear on the plants. These beetles will eat the leaves and stems of the purple loosestrife, causing the plant to eventually die. 200 pots were planted with rootstock, and approximately 150 pots were picked up by volunteers!



Collecting purple loosestrife rootstock from Goeden County Park in West Bend, Washington County.



4H volunteers preparing rootstock for planting.

Mussel Monitoring Training Update

Want to learn more about native mussels in Wisconsin? Here is an excellent opportunity! Join the AIS Coordinator and staff from the Retzer Nature

Use this link to sign up for the training: <http://wiatri.net/inventory/mussels/calendar.cfm>

The training will be held on **June 15th from 10 am - 2 pm at the Miniwaukan Park in Mukwonago: 360 McKenzie Drive, Mukwonago, WI 53149**
Bring a pencil, paper, a camera (or smartphone) and some clothes you don't mind getting wet. Join us!



Zebra mussels caked onto a native mussel

Lake of the Month - Dutchman Lake

Dutchman Lake is a seepage lake in Waukesha County. Dutchman Lake has a surface area of 33 acres and max depth of 43 feet. Fisherman can expect to catch pan fish, northern pike, and large mouth bass. Dutchman Lake is accessible by canoe or kayak via the Scuppernong Creek. The Scuppernong Creek, which flows through the lake from east to west, is deemed a "Wetland Gem" by the Wisconsin Wetland Association!

Aquatic Invasive Species: **Eurasian Watermilfoil**



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